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## SCHOOL

# Pathfinder Superintendent to retire

*School Committee selects Eric Duda*

PALMER – For the first time since 1974, the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District will soon have a change in its top leadership. As a career and technical high school, Pathfinder Tech features 16 technical programs and robust academic offerings, including honors and Advanced Placement courses, to students in the district's nine member towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Oakham, Palmer, Ware and Warren, as well as to students through non-resident Chapter 74 tuition and school choice.

Superintendent Gerald Paist has served the district for 48 years and plans to retire as of June 30. At the last meeting of the Pathfinder Tech School Committee, members unanimously selected current Assistant Superintendent/Principal Eric Duda as the school's next superintendent effective July 1, subject to successful contract negotiations. Following the meeting Paist expressed his solid support for the committee's choice. "I could not think of a better individual to take my place," he said. "We have had a wonderful relationship and have worked side by side for the past few years; I'm excited about the future!"

Paist began working at Pathfinder Tech in 1974 after serving as a member of the administration at Westfield State College for six



Eric Duda



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**Pathfinder Regional School Superintendent Dr. Gerald Paist is retiring this June after 48 years with the district. Patherfinder Regional Vocational High School Principal Eric Duda, and assistant superintendent, has been chosen to fill the position after Paist retires. Here Paist is seen at Pathfinder's 2018 graduation.**

years. He was in fact the fourth superintendent for a school that was only 2-years-old, a fact that suggests a rough beginning in the early days of the district. For the past several years, he has been the longest serving superintendent in the

commonwealth. When asked why has served so long, he said, "It has been a wonderful place to work. We have an extraordinary faculty and staff, students who want to be here, supportive member communities, and a terrific School Committee"

Paist's tenure at Pathfinder Tech has been marked by periods of growth. Early enrollment in 1973 included approximately 325 students; in recent years, enrollment has increased to over 600 students. In addition, the number of member communities has expanded from four to nine and the program offerings have risen from ten to sixteen. School Committee Chairperson Julie Quink recently paid tribute to his work:

"The success of Pathfinder and the academic successes of its current and former students have been under your watchful eye and care for nearly a half century," she said. "The relationships that you have built with community members and member town has created a strong foundation upon which future administration can continue to build in moving Pathfinder forward in new directions and paths."

Eric Duda himself attended Pathfinder Tech as an electrical student from 1996 to 2000. Following graduation, he enrolled at Western New England University to study electrical engineering and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 2004. He then worked as an engineer in industry until, by chance, he ran into Paist at a time when Pathfinder Tech was seeking an instructor in electronics technology. With his subsequent hiring for that position, his career at Pathfinder Tech began an upward trajectory.

He served as an electronics instructor from 2006 through 2013, subsequently earning the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award and was appointed department head for that program. In recognition for his outstanding teaching and valuable service on a number of committees and activ-

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## COMMUNITY



Courtesy photos

**The foundation for the Logliscis' new home is poured in 1996. The couple wasn't aware the concrete contained pyrrhotite, which has been found to cause foundations to expand and crack.**

# Retirement dreams crumble along with home's foundation

By Michael Harrison  
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REGION — While Michelle Loglisci and her husband were planning their retirement years, the actual foundation of their plan was crumbling under them.

They had no way of knowing it at the time, but as soon as the foundation was poured for the Monson home they built in 1996, their biggest investment — the one they thought would help finance those golden years — was essentially losing most of its value. It wasn't until just a few years ago the couple came to realize the concrete poured for their foundation contains pyrrhotite, a mineral that is essentially a ticking time bomb when used that

way.

It reacts poorly to oxygen and moisture, creating rust and cracks in the slowly expanding concrete. It can 10 to 30 years for the cracks to appear. Homeowners throughout the region, including Palmer, Brimfield, and Wales, have homes with pyrrhotite in their foundations. Some are dealing with it, too. Others may not yet be aware.

"We had hoped to one day sell our home to one of our children, but the property won't qualify for a mortgage because of this issue," Loglisci said.

She and her husband were still unaware in late 2017 when she read a story about a pyrrhotite-affected

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## SCHOOL

# High School Student reflects on studying during pandemic

By Jonah Snowden  
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WALES — Similar to her classmates, Tantasqua Regional High senior Mary Godek has had to navigate through her final year as a high schooler under circumstances much different than most of her predecessors knew.

The Class of 2020 missed out on a traditional graduation, but they were most of the way through their senior year before the COVID-19 pandemic turned life upside down. The Class of 2021 had to live with it from day one.

Godek, who lives in Wales, said her senior has been different and a little difficult due to Tantasqua running through a hybrid model most of the year which has many students in-person for one week and remote the next.

Some students have been allowed to take in-person classes every day and others were allowed to remain in remote learning, if requested.

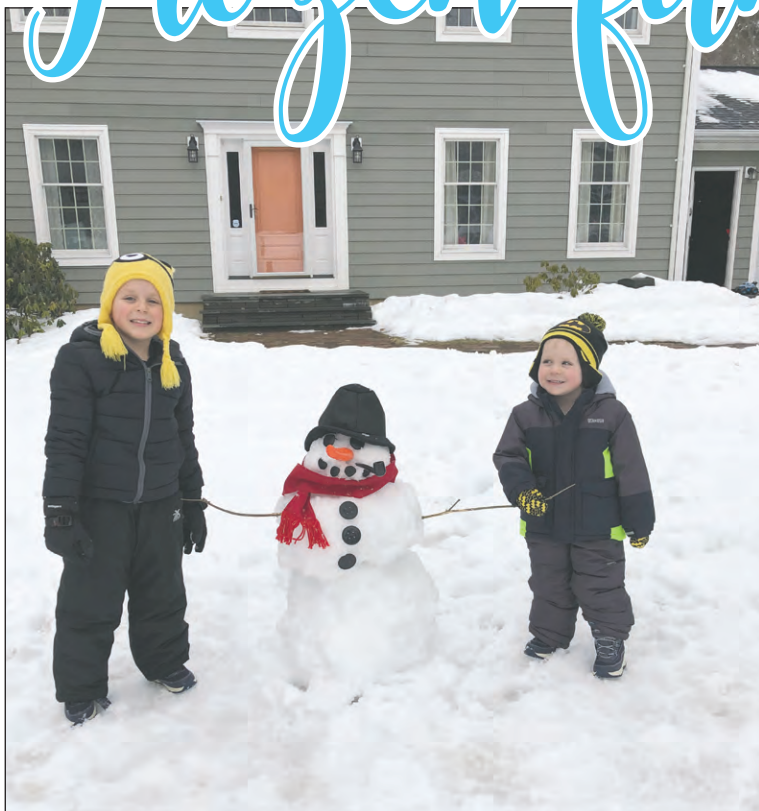


Mary Godek

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# Frozen fun to get through February



Jack and Oliver Parsons.

## Ladies Auxiliary snowman contest winners selected

THREE RIVERS — Winners have been announced in the Three Rivers Firefighter's Association Ladies Auxiliary Best Snowman Contest. Residents of Three Rivers, Thorndike, Bondsville, and Depot Village submitted entries in three categories and winners received a basket of winter goodies.

**The winners are:**

Best Traditional Snowman, Jack and Oliver Parsons.  
Tallest Snowman, Brian and Becki Keith.  
Best Snow Creature, Graysen Callahan.



Brian and Becki Keith with "Herman" the snowman.

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Graysen Callahan with "Tommy" the sea creature poking his head through the ice at Lake Thompson.

## MONSON

# 'Big solar' planted the seed for a run at select board

By Michael Harrison  
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MONSON — The race is on. There are now at least two candidates for an open seat on the town Select Board.

Jessica Allen, a life-long Monson resident, announced her intention to seek the office on a Facebook Livestream Monday, the first day nomination papers were available. Last week, Karen Nothe-Valley made public her intention to run.

Allen, 43, declined to be interviewed, instead referring to her Facebook post.

"I was raised in the town of Monson my whole life," she said.

She grew up one of seven kids on their parents' 55-acre farm, playing sports and graduating from Monson High in 1995.

"My siblings and I all live in town, which is pretty neat," she said in the post.

After high school, Allen studied communications at Quinnipiac University and worked as a bartender in downtown Monson, in the news department for a television



Jessica Allen

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A member of Troop 11507 sells all the favorite Girl Scout cookie varieties at a pop-up sale in Holland recently.

## Girl Scout cookies sweeten up a winter day



A pop-up Girl Scout Cookie sale was held in a restaurant parking lot in Holland recently.

HOLLAND — Members of Girl Scout Troop 11507 braved the cold recently to hold a pop-up cookie sale in the parking lot of Diane's Villa Nova restaurant on Brimfield Road in Holland. One of the troop leaders, Cat Reithlowery,

said the troop blends girls from several area communities, including Holland and Sturbridge. To order cookies or learn more about Scouting in Western Mass., go to gscwm.org.

## Interim administrator hopes to shed the 'interim' part of title

By Jonah Snowden  
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MONSON — Less than a month ago, Jennifer Wolowicz became interim town administrator in Monson after now-former administrator Evan Brassard resigned to take the same position with the town of Graf-ton.

As a seasoned municipal manager who worked with the town of South Hadley for more than 15 years in different positions, including serving as interim town administrator twice, facilities manager, acting town manager, assistant town administrator, and chief procurement officer, Wolowicz knows her way around Town Hall — no matter which town it's in. With each position, she gained experience within all aspects of town administrations, including working with the town's annual budget, HR facilities, managing departments, economic development, and more.

Wolowicz said she saw this open position as an opportunity to advance herself in her professional career.

"Last year, I completed my master's in public administration. This is an opportunity for me to advance myself and put the education and knowledge I have to work for the town of Monson."

Before Brassard's departure, he and Wolowicz spent three days working together. As the interim-administrator, Wolowicz is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day management and moderating board of selectman meetings, and working on the annual town budget with Chief Financial Officer Jamie

Farnum.

A search firm is helping the town line up candidates to succeed Brassard on a long-term basis. Wolowicz said she applied.



Jennifer Wolowicz

"I feel I'm very skilled, as a municipal manager with 15-and-a-half years of experience," she said.

"I bring a lot to the table and since I've been here, I've felt very welcomed. It's a very good community; the vibe is very positive, the employees are extremely knowledgeable of their duties."

Community Paradigm Associates, handling the search for the town, will stop taking resumes on March 15.

"After they go through a process, they interview candidates and then provide finalists to the board of selectmen for an interview," said Wolowicz.

Wolowicz also said she would love to meet more of the residents.

"Obviously we're dealing with COVID right now and with places not being fully open, I'm looking forward to getting back to a much more normalized form of living for everyone," she said.

"This would give me an opportunity to have residents come in and introduce themselves and learn more about their wonderful town. I look forward to hearing from residents and learning everything about what they feel is important for their community and how I can help them continue to get that or make it happen in the future," Wolowicz said.

To get in contact with Wolowicz, email jwolowicz@monson-ma.gov or call town hall at 413-267-4100.

## Local towns get \$1.4 million in federal funding

REGION — More than \$1.4 million in federal grants have been awarded for infrastructure, housing and social programs in Palmer, Wales and Holland.

The money, from Community Development Block Grants, is part of a \$34 million pool allocated by the federal government and administered by the state.

Locally, \$825,000 is going to Palmer to rehabilitate 15 homes, pay for design work for Hymniewicz Park, domestic violence prevention services, transportation, and a housing production plan. In Holland and Wales, \$582,009 will help rehabilitate 12 homes, aid a food pantry, pay for design work on Union Road and fund domestic violence prevention services.

Congressman Richard E. Neal, whose First Congressional District includes all of those local towns, said the funding is especially important during an economic recession fueled by the COVID-19 pandemic. His district received nearly \$15 million in block grant funding.

"During this time of need, Community Development Block Grants play an integral role in transforming the everyday lives of individuals and communities across the district," Neal said.

"These funds will assist local food pantries and youth programs, rehabilitate housing units, and fund infrastructure projects. Since its inception, this program has been a success and I continue to be a steadfast supporter of it. Cities and towns have different and diverse needs. This is a proven way for them to be addressed."

The Community Development Block Grant Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. This federal program is administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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## Correction

A story in last week's edition about the Quabog Hills Chamber of Commerce misspelled the name of Chamber President Lena Buteau.

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## Corrections

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# Officials seek answers from county retirement board

## An audit report released last month pointed to mismanagement of funds

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

**REGION** — Municipalities throughout the county are preparing to take action against the Hampden County Regional Board of Retirement after the release of a Feb. 21 audit that left more questions than answers and generated outrage over probable malfeasance and mismanagement of funds.

And towns including Hampden, which have had to pay rising contribution costs over the last several years, hope they'll get some of those funds back if the retirement board can't show proper documentation.

"One of the key questions has to do with those invoices that amount to well over \$200,000, for which there doesn't seem to be any backup material," said Hampden Town Administrator Robert Markel of the audit report during the March 1 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. "That money might somehow be repaid, or at least we should have a decision to go after it."

On March 1, Hampden Board of Selectmen Chair Donald Davenport identified another issue with the retirement

board's representation that he did not approve of.

"I think it's important to note that you really have what I call 'The Agawam Crony Cabal,'" Davenport said. "You have Mr. Theroux, who is the former Agawam town clerk; you have Karl Schmaelzle, who is a Agawam retired firefighter; and you have the Agawam Town Treasurer/Collector, Laurel Placzek. You have three of the five [board] members from Agawam, the [retirement board] office is Agawam, and their counsel is also the town counsel for Agawam."

Davenport suggested contacting a state representative or senator to request that a bill be filed to require all five board members to come from different communities. Davenport's Agawam-centric inquiry is among many that remain unanswered.

On March 3, Markel led a teleconference with the retirement board that included town managers, administrators and other officials from Hampden County communities, including Wilbraham Town Administrator Nick Breault.

During the call, which wasn't open to the public, Markel expected to "go through the issues one by one and see what their response is and basically say that things must change."

Breault said they'd be asking several questions and requesting documents from the retirement board.

"We're very keen to hear what the retirement board has to

say," Breault said during Monday night's Wilbraham Board of Selectmen meeting.

There were more than a handful of monetary irregularities reported in the multi-year audit released last month by Ferax Treuhand AG. Close to \$234,000 of taxpayer and state employee money was spent on 119 false invoices for services never rendered, reviewed or documented.

After violating procedure and making multiple attorneys members of the system, the board paid the two individuals a total of \$179,266 in legal fees and \$448,210 in premiums. While most communities use employee money to pay 50% of premiums, municipal employees paid 90% of the fees of attorneys associated with the retirement board.

Three retirement board members also spent a total of \$10,936 on travel, lodging, recreation and entertainment. On a trip to Cape Cod, Chairperson Richard Theroux allotted \$1,825 to lodging, all while staying in his own condo; Theroux repaid the funds last week following the audit's release.

Multiple board members additionally earned thousands of dollars in social security despite a Massachusetts statute that prohibits public employees from collecting social security.

On Monday, prior to the March 3 call with the retirement board, Markel spoke with numerous town administrators and managers from the county, all who have witnessed tax spikes

as a result of the retirement board's malfeasance.

"Today, we had participation from the far western end of Hampden County, the administrator in Chester. From the far eastern end, we had the administrator from Wales," said Markel.

Upon its release, the audit was immediately given to state Attorney General Maura Healey, the Mass. State Ethics Commission and Inspector General Glenn A. Cunha.

Optimism exists that each member of the retirement board will be forced to vacate his or her seat. At the very least, Davenport believes Theroux must step down immediately.

"You can't have someone in office who's going to be currently under three investigations. He'll be the principal of three investigations, as well as some of the board members. I think the towns really have to push for his resignation or for him to at least step aside."

As a result of the misappropriated funds, 35 Hampden County communities must now pay at least 8% more on each assessment until 2036. In Hampden, the assessment increased from \$603,000 to \$706,000 for 2021, totaling an additional \$103,000 this year over last.

"The increases have never been this sizeable; over the past couple of years, they've really been out of control," said Selectman John Flynn on March 1.

With multiple investigations under way and dozens of communities affected, Markel

acknowledged that the situation has "many moving parts."

Given the severity of the allegations, however, Markel believes that Hampden stands a fighting chance to reclaim some of its lost money if the retirement board is found to be at fault.

"The truth is that we do not have power to act. They have power to act in Boston," said Markel. "I think that if enough employees in the towns of Hampden County, as well as the selectmen and others who have to vote to raise taxes to pay retirement benefits and assessments make it clear that it's unacceptable, I think public opinion can bring change."

The demand for change must extend beyond public office. If retirement board members are to resign, enabling a new board to take shape and communities to receive potential compensation, residents must force the action.

One article or television broadcast at a time, answers will be attained and justice made plausible, Markel said.

"The press is also important with getting the message out," said Markel. "It's fairly complicated. The way it operates is not easily understood so I think there's been less interest over the years in doing stories about their operations. If there's enough concern shown throughout the county, I have a sense that things can change."

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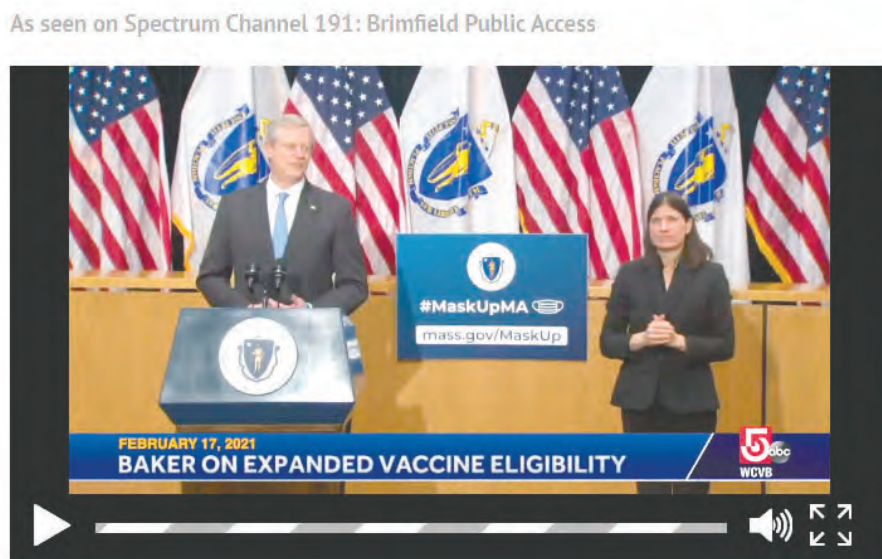
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Simply visit [brimfield.tv](http://brimfield.tv) and click the "Watch Live" link for access to programming on both channels. Live and replay versions of town events including government meetings, civic events and local and regional programs are there for the watching. This is especially con-

venient for those who want to watch the virtual meetings being held during the covid restrictions, but who don't want to participate or have to log into meeting software.

Also on the website, a "Watch on Demand" link allows for 24/7 viewing of past town board and committee meetings and town meetings. The archive dates back to Jan. 1, 2015.

Nonprofit events in town may be promoted on both channels through bulletin boards that run during gaps after shows end. Email brief information to [cabletv@brimfieldma.org](mailto:cabletv@brimfieldma.org).



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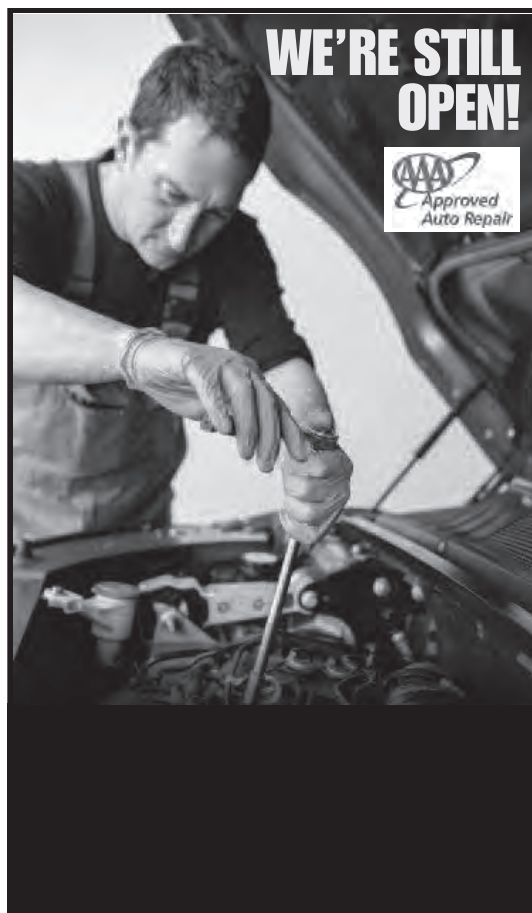
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America rests on  
people doing the  
right thing

By Lee H. Hamilton  
Guest columnist

As the events of the past few months have unfolded, I have often found myself wondering what our founders would have made of it all. Impossible to know, of course, but they had plenty of insight to offer.

In particular, I keep returning to these lines from James Madison. He delivered them during the Virginia convention to ratify the Constitution, arguing that the surest safeguard against legislators and a government bent on malfeasance is the people themselves. “I go on this great republican principle, that the people will have virtue and intelligence to select men of virtue and wisdom,” he said. “Is there no virtue among us? If there be not, we are in a wretched situation. No theoretical checks—no form of government can render us secure.” We depend, he said, not on the virtue of the people we elect, but of “the people who are to choose them.”

That pretty much sums it up, doesn’t it? Our country rests on the faith that we the people will do the right thing. The design of our government may be remarkable, but it does not matter nearly as much as the qualities of the American people and their capacity to make it work. If we do not step up, if we do not invest our time and energy and abilities in making the system work, it will not.

One of the remarkable aspects of the founding era was that a relative handful of people, in a country that did not even number 4 million at the time, developed a constitution with very little to go on and then made it work. Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton and a few others had the skills, knowledge and insight to hammer out, debate and craft a system from the ground up, then to articulate it and persuade the political elite that this republican form of government could work.

And what may have been most impressive was that they had confidence in the notion that people had the capacity to govern themselves. Yes, they hedged, both in the elaborate balance of power they built and in who actually got to vote. But they also created a system that, over the centuries, was capable of expanding the franchise and delivering a more equitable, broader voice in government because that was the idea at its core.

A key aspect of that idea, as Madison articulated, is that virtue is part of republican government. This sounds strange to say in the modern world. We tend to think of “virtue” as moral probity or honesty or integrity. Madison and the other founders had something more encompassing in mind. They thought of virtue as including a sense of civic self-sacrifice: the ability to overcome self-interest and act for the benefit of the broader community. And they expected it not just in political leaders, but in citizens themselves.

What may be most striking is that they had confidence in the American people to carry out this grand experiment and believed in the patriotism and capacity of those people to serve as protectors of civil liberties and of the due process of democracy. I could not help but think of that faith in the wake of last November’s election, as countless poll workers and elections officials in towns and cities and states around the country stoically carried on their work to the best of their ability in the face of unrelenting antagonism.

We remain in a time of great testing for the system Madison and his generation created. Though it is a remarkable constitutional design, created during a period of enormous change, turmoil and confusion, they understood that the whole thing would fail if the people lacked the capacity to make it work. A lot of Americans have lost trust in the government, in the system as a whole, and in one another. This is not without reason. But it helps to look back and remember that everything rests on us—on our ability to choose our leaders wisely, to work with one another and to reward the founders’ faith that ordinary people can, by dint of their efforts, make this a more perfect union.

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The Garden Lady takes on  
your houseplant questions

Elise, who enjoys reading the column from Brookfield, posed this question to the Garden Lady: “I have a number of scented geraniums in my sun-room that I dug up from my herb garden last summer. They were looking good for awhile, but within the last month their leaves have begun to turn brown. It seems to start with the older foliage, beginning with the leaf margins and working its way in. I keep picking off the bad leaves but more follow suit. Do you have any suggestions as to how I should remedy this?”

Scented geraniums were among the first herbs I ever grew! In fact, at 18 I had a window sill of them in my bedroom. I loved how they would emit a heavenly fragrance whenever the leaves were rubbed between my thumb and forefinger. Scents like lemon, nutmeg, coconut and rose. Fast forward a few decades and I am blessed with a collection of scented geraniums in the greenhouse at Old Sturbridge Village! Although they looked great a couple of weeks ago, they too have started to show some brown leaves, exactly in the manner you explain.

My first thought is in regards to watering. You see, geraniums can be finicky when it comes to moisture. If you let them get too dry their leaves will brown; too wet and the same thing happens. Sometimes looking at the soil and watering if it “looks” dry isn’t the best thing to do, and honestly, in my haste, that is what I have been doing lately. I am going back to the “finger test” and only water when the soil is dry to the touch, a few inches into the pot; maybe that will help.

Another point of interest is in regards to chlorinated water. There is some research that indicates geraniums are sensitive to chlorine. If your tap water is heavily chlorinated I would recommend that you fill a watering can with water and let it sit for 24 hours. The chlorine will dissipate before watering. Likewise, you can also run tap water through a charcoal type water filter to rid it of chlorine.

Lastly, our geraniums may be hungry. Beginning in late February and early March, scented geraniums begin to initiate

flower buds and require additional nutrients to do so. I’ll start feeding with a liquid fertilizer at half strength every two weeks or so to support that need. Hopefully by adopting some of this advice your geraniums will begin to look a bit happier and mine will too!

Frances has a beautiful potted cyclamen and is curious how this particular plant is propagated. “My mother always comments about the beauty of my pink cyclamen. Can I remove a leaf, insert it into the soil and expect it will root, as would an African violet’s?”

Florist Cyclamen (Cyclamen persicum) is a delightful indoor plant that flowers during the winter months. Its quarter-sized blooms in red, pink and white are unique in that the petals are bent back, reflexed even, and held above pretty, heart-shaped, silver-margined leaves. There are varying types available with fancy flowers and intricately patterned foliage.

The cyclamen plant is tuberous and unfortunately is best propagated by seed or by division of its fibrous roots. Usually this task is left to the experts who are best able to deal with erratic germination and roots susceptible to rot.

Recently I became the proud owner of my very first cyclamen (thanks, Mom!). It’s always fun to get to learn about the life cycle of a new plant. With the cyclamen’s bloom time during the winter, it has a period of dormancy mid spring through the end of summer when it’s leaves will yellow and shed, and it will demand next to no water. This time frame is opposite of what we are used to with our perennial flowers that bloom during the summer and go dormant during the winter. In late August, begin watering and leaves will sprout anew before blooming begins during the fall.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekenedy@turley.com](mailto:ekenedy@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.



SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Should I put in for Social  
Security now, or at 70?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I’m currently 67-years-old and still working full time. I took a big financial hit in 2008, which is why I’m still working, and I expect to continue working until I’m 70. My question is: should I take Social Security now, bank it until I’m 70, and then pay it out to myself upon retirement? Or would it be better to hold off until I’m 70 to claim? Longevity of about 85 seems to run in my family. Signed: Working Senior

Dear Working Senior: I’m afraid there’s no simple answer to your question, but I’ll give you some points to ponder.

If you don’t need the money right now, and you expect to enjoy at least average longevity (about 85 for a man your current age), then waiting until you’re 70 will give you the maximum monthly benefit and the most in cumulative lifetime Social Security benefits if you meet average longevity. And if you live beyond the average, your cumulative lifetime benefits will be correspondingly more. Since you’ve already delayed past your full retirement age of 66, you are already earning delayed retirement credits (DRCs) at the rate of 8% for each full year you delay (the maximum Social Security benefit is reached at age 70).

Can you do better than an 8% annual increase by claiming now and saving or investing the money? That would be the main point to evaluate, and only you know your investment options. But you should also consider that if you should die before your wife and she has reached her full re-

tirement age, your wife will get 100% of the benefit you are receiving at your death. If you claim earlier (e.g., now), your wife will get that earlier smaller amount as your widow. Compare that to what she’ll get by you waiting until age 70 to claim, when your benefit will be about 24% more than it is now. Again, something for you to consider.

If you claim at age 70 you will have collected about the same amount of money at age 82 as if you had claimed now. That is your “break-even” point, which is where your expected longevity comes into play. If you think you will beat the average and you do, you’ll collect much more in total lifetime Social Security benefits by waiting until you are 70 to claim. Of course, no one knows how long they will live, but if your family history suggests a long life and you’re in good health now, delaying is usually a prudent choice. That is, however, a decision only you can make.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor at AMAC.

Letters to the Editor

Staff at vaccine shot clinic  
was excellent

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, we received our initial dose of the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine at Converse Middle School in Palmer.

To describe the process as excellent shortchanges our actual experience. From our initial contact with Sandy at the Ludlow Board of Health to our 15-minute wait after our shot; everyone we encountered was pleasant, efficient and highly professional. It was a delay free event despite the coordination necessary to rapidly recruit, train, unify and deploy a staff from many towns and agencies.

Our thanks to all involved, you took the stress out of a potentially nightmarish experience.

We are looking forward to our second appointment in March.

John and Christine Shea  
Ludlow

History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is given to children’s books that emphasize the importance of American history.

HISTORY MATTERS

March 1 to March 15:  
Helen Keller, Alexander  
Bell and war dogs

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith  
Guest columnists

Nineteen months after her 1880 birth, Helen Keller contracted scarlet fever, or bacterial meningitis, which left her blind, deaf, and mute. Her parents sought help from Alexander Graham Bell, who was known for his invention of the telephone, but, also, his celebrated work educating the deaf. He introduced the Keller family to the Perkins Institution, it trained people afflicted with “deafblindness” and—facilitated the family’s hiring of 20-year-old Annie Sullivan, one of its special needs teachers.

Keller was a stubborn student, but Sullivan was an equally determined teacher. She “spelled” words in Keller’s palm—a difficult, and monotonous process—but Sullivan “got through” to Helen—within a few months when Keller felt the water flowing from a pump, and “remembered”.

Helen and Teacher stayed together from March 3, 1887, until Sullivan’s 1936 death.

According to History.com, Keller went on to learn how to read, write and speak. With Sullivan’s assistance, her student attended Radcliffe College, graduated with honors, became a public speaker, and published her first book, “The Story of My Life” in 1903.

For more information about Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan the Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Helen Keller: Humanitarian” by Lois P. Nicholson.

Alexander Graham Bell

On March 7, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his “harmonic telegraph”—or—telephone. Up until then, Samuel Morse’s telegraph was the only means of “instantaneous” communication, but Bell had been concentrating on resolving the limitations; it could only handle one message at a time—and it required a courier to deliver the news to the recipient.

The Bell family had immigrated from England to Massachusetts and settled in Boston where Alexander worked as a teacher for the deaf. But he was also the son of an inventor, and, while he was fond of his work as a teacher, he also had an innate desire to devise a way for people to speak “directly” with each other—from a distance. He partnered with Thomas A. Watson, who worked in a machine shop; and when the telephone was completed, he uttered the now famous phrase: “Mr. Watson, come here, I need you.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Telephone: The Invention That Changed Communication,” by Samuel Willard Crompton.

Rin Tin Tin

The first Rin Tin Tin to become a movie star was brought home by an American GI from World War I. Apparently, it was the pup of a German “War Dog” that got cast in a 1922 silent movie, “The Man from Hell’s River,” the first of 27 “Rin Tin Tin” films.

Both sides in the conflict used war dogs, mainly to carry messages. But it wasn’t until March 13, 1942, that the first official K-9 Corps was established by the U.S. Army’s Quartermaster Corps to train dogs for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard.

According to History.com “The K-9 Corps initially accepted over 30 breeds of dogs, but the list was soon narrowed to seven: German shepherds, Belgian sheepdogs, Doberman pinschers, collies, Siberian huskies, Malamutes and Eskimo dogs. Members of the K-9 Corps were trained eight to 12 weeks; then, they were put through one of four specialized programs to prepare them for work as sentry dogs, scout or patrol dogs, messenger dogs or mine-detection dogs. In active combat duty, scout dogs proved especially essential by alerting patrols to the approach of the enemy and preventing surprise attacks.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “No Better Friend: Young Readers Edition: A Man, a Dog, and Their Incredible True Story of Friendship and Survival in World War II,” by Robert Weintraub.

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# Police/Fire

## Fire Logs

### PALMER FIRE DEPT.

*The Palmer Fire Department responded to 14 calls from Feb. 24 through March 2:*

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 8:11 a.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on Church Street. The department returned to service at 8:46 a.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 12:45 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill on Ware Street. The department returned to service at 1:26 p.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 5:54 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Thompson Street. The department returned to service at 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 8:41 p.m., the department responded to a calm requesting an animal rescue on Summer Street. The department returned to service at 9:45 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 25, at 2:04 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on the Mass Turnpike. The department returned to service at 2:34 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 26, at 12:19 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Spring Street. The department returned to service at 1:25 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 26, at 6:44 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting a dumpster fire on Beverly Street. The department returned to service at 7:47 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, 8:32 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting an odor investigation on Palmer Road in Monson. The department returned to service at 9:14 a.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, at 9:36 a.m. the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Beverley Street. The department returned to service at 10:15 a.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, at 12:56 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on South Main Street. The department returned to service at 1:19 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 28, at 9:52 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on High Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 10:31 a.m.

On Monday, March 1, at 1:53 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting an odor investigation on Flynt Street. The department returned to service at 2:45 p.m.

On Monday, March 1, at 5:51 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on Peterson Road. The department returned to service at 6:29 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 2, at 2:11 a.m., the department responded to an electrical malfunction on Jim Ashe Road in Bondsville. The department returned to service at 3:15 a.m.

On Tuesday, March 2, at 9:55 a.m., the department responded to a call for a brush fire on Church Street in Thorndyke. The department returned to service at 10:16 a.m.

On Tuesday, March 2, at 2:16 p.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide incident on Rondeau Road. The department returned to service at 2:58 p.m.

### MONSON FIRE DEPT.

*The Monson Fire Department responded to 22 EMS call and eight fire calls from Feb. 22 - Feb. 28:*

On Monday, Feb. 22, at 11:30 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide alarm activation on Country Club Heights. The department returned to service at 11:44 a.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 3:36 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide alarm activation on Zuell Hill Road. The department returned to service at 4:56 a.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 1:13 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting a fire investigation on Stafford Road. The department returned to service at 1:59 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 25, at 12:01 p.m., the department responded to a single tanker truck roll over in the area of Ely Road and High Street. The department returned to service at 3:22 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 25, at 3:22 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on High Street. The department returned to service at 3:33 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 26, at 9:27 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting a fire investigation on Moulton Hill Road. The department returned to service at 9:44 a.m.

On Friday, Feb. 26, at 9:11 p.m., the department responded to a fire chemical leak on Main Street. The department returned to service at 9:36 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8:37 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting a fire investigation on 266 Palmer Road. The department returned to service at 9:18 a.m.

### THREE RIVERS FIRE DEPT.

*The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to five incidents from Feb. 24 through March 2:*

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 2:48 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill on Sykes Street. The department returned to service at 3:05 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 25, at 4:28 p.m., the department responded to a residential lockout on Belchertown Street. The department returned to service at 4:50 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 25, at 5:22 p.m., the department responded to a smoke investigation on Anderson Street. The department returned to service at 5:27 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 26, at 1:18 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Belchertown Street. The department returned to service at 1:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 2, at 2:07 a.m., the department provided mutual aid to Bondsville. The department returned to service at 2:44 a.m.

### BONDSVILLE FIRE DEPT.

*The Bondsville Fire Department responded to two calls from Feb. 23 through March 1:*

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 5:26 p.m., the department responded to a call for a possible gas leak on Emery Street. Nothing was found and the department returned to service at 5:51 p.m.

On Monday, March 1, at 8:21 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting medical assistance on State Street. The department returned to service at 8:44 a.m.

## Police Logs

### PALMER

*The Palmer Police Department responded to three arrests or summons for arrests from Feb. 24-March. 1. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:*

#### Sunday, Feb. 28

Gary F. Peters, 53, of 16 Ballydrain Rd., Framingham, was arrested at 4:58 p.m., on Thorndike Street in Palmer, on charges of operating a motor under the influence of liquor and rate of speed exceeding the posted limit.

### MONSON

*The Monson Police Department responded to seven arrests or summons for arrests from Feb. 21-27. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:*

#### Monday, Feb. 22

Andrea Marie Vadnais, 40, of 268 Palmer Rd., Apt. 20, Monson, was arrested at 11:55 a.m., on charges of a two warrants for disorderly conduct; a warrant for assault and battery and a warrant for assault and battery with serious bodily injury.

Ryan Paul Gelinas, 28, of 15 Bridge St. Apt. 2, Monson was arrested at 8:05 p.m., on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and failing to drive in the right lane.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 24

David John Greenlaw, 34, of 25 Bethany Rd., Monson was arrested at 5:43 p.m., on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and disorderly conduct.

#### Thursday, Feb. 25

Daniel J. Haggetry, 27, of 233 Palmer Rd., Monson was arrested at 8:23 p.m., on charges of resisting arrest and assault and battery on a police officer.

## St. Cecilia scholarship deadline is April 5

St. Cecilia Catholic Women's Club announces scholarship applications are now available for 2021 high school seniors. To be eligible a student must be a graduating high school senior and a member of St. Cecilia Parish.

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The application deadline is April 5, 2021. Please mail to: St. Cecilia Women's Club, St. Cecilia Parish, 42 Main St., Wilbraham, MA 01095. If you have questions please contact Sue Agnew, 596-9480.

#### Friday, Feb. 26

Matthew Paul Joseph Lamb, 27, of 1018 Wilson St., Palmer, was arrested at 6:59 p.m., on charges of distributing a Class B drug and distributing a Class D drug.

James Andrew Bucior, 64, of 71 Mason St., Palmer was arrested at 6:59 p.m., on charges of distributing a Class D drug and distributing a Class B drug.



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Want to join your neighbors as part of a national river cleanup project on April 17? Contact Sarah Fortune at 413-626-7084 or [sfortune@townofpalmer.com](mailto:sfortune@townofpalmer.com).

## Volunteers needed for Earth Day river sweep

PALMER – Local citizens are banding together to tackle litter in Three Rivers as part of a national river cleanup in celebration of Earth Day.

The Palmer Conservation Commission, in partnership with American Rivers, the Chicopee 4 Rivers Watershed Council, Keep Palmer Clean, and Country Bank will conduct a river cleanup with the help of volunteers on Saturday April 17.

“The Palmer Conservation Commission is dedicated to protecting Palmer’s Rivers because a healthy community starts with a healthy river. Clean and healthy rivers provide everything from clean drinking water to recreation opportunities to fish and wildlife habitat,” said Sarah Fortune, Conservation Assistant for the Town of Palmer.

“So come get your feet wet, your hands dirty, & help make our rivers cleaner!”

Fortune said being good stewards of the rivers is not just important for the present.

“The Palmer Conservation Commission is committed to keeping our four major rivers – Quaboag, Ware, Swift

and Chicopee – clean so we can protect and restore them for us and future generations. Participating in a river cleanup is one way that citizens can do their part for the rivers we all love,” Fortune said. “Rivers connect us to each other, to nature, and to future generations,” said Bob Irvin, President of American Rivers.

“It is wonderful to see so many people in Palmer and across the country taking action to protect and restore their rivers and clean water. We applaud the work of the Palmer Conservation Commission and the Chicopee 4 Rivers Watershed Council for the work they do on behalf of the river and the community.”

The Earth Day river clean-up will be held 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 17, at Lavolette Field in Three Rivers – rain or shine. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers will be required to adhere to all COVID-19 safety guidelines and social distancing protocols during the event. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Fortune at 413-626-7084 or [sfortune@townofpalmer.com](mailto:sfortune@townofpalmer.com).

## Program subsidizes internet access, provides Chrombooks for job seekers



Courtesy photos

Unemployed residents and others who qualify can apply for subsidized internet access through the MassHire Springfield Career Center.

By Jonah Snowden  
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SPRINGFIELD – MassHire Springfield Career Center is offering the Mass Internet Connect Program which provides subsidized internet access to eligible Massachusetts residents through June 30, 2021.

MassHire Springfield’s Executive Director Kevin Lynn said the program was launched in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to Lynn, lockdowns imposed to contain spread of the virus widened the digital divide that keeps potential workers from employment opportunities because they are unable to visit career centers.

“As the lockdown continued, it became to be a problem,” Lynn said.

“If you look at the workforce area, you can’t apply for a job unless you do it online, so that means people were effectively shut out of the employment market.”

Through the Mass Internet Connect Program, each applicant can be eligible for different services, which include a “starter kit,” that includes a modem with WiFi capability and a subsidized monthly internet service plan with download speed that vary depending on whether the applicant is served by Comcast or Spectrum.

Unemployed Massachusetts resi-

dents who lack a computer can check their eligibility for the Chromebook Device Subsidy Program. This component of the state’s economic recovery plan provides eligible applicants a free Chromebook.

Lynn said MassHire Springfield does more than provide connectivity to job-seeking residents who need it, but also access to skills-based education.

“We’ve perfectly presented, created and are providing virtual workshops that you can take advantage of, to upskill your job search techniques, as well as other computer/technology skills,” Lynn said.

“I think that’s the real value. It’s not just giving you access to the internet or a piece of hardware; It’s providing skills that you can learn to upgrade and make yourself more marketable.”

Lynn also said for the foreseeable future, at least until the pandemic subsides, MassHire’s operations will be all-virtual.

“We have all kinds of trainings available that people can qualify for,” he said.

“If you’re unemployed, you pretty much can qualify for everything. If anyone’s in this situation, this is a great time to skill themselves up to get them back into the labor market.”

Anyone interested in applying for the program can visit [masshirespringfield.org/micinfo/](http://masshirespringfield.org/micinfo/), email [krogowski@masshirespringfield.org](mailto:krogowski@masshirespringfield.org) or call 413-858-2824.

## MONSON | from page 1

station as a middle school teacher, she said. Now she’s in marketing.

“I have a varied background, which is good,” Allen said.

“I’m not a politician, I’m not an attorney. I am a mom, a wife, a person who loves her hometown and I think I’d be a good fit.”

Emphasizing several times she’s running for “selectWOMAN” – Allen said if the nomination papers refer to the office she seeks as “selectman” she’ll “cross it out and write ‘selectwoman.’”

Ticking off a broad list of her policy positions, Allen said “I’m pro-small-business, pro-local, pro-community and many of you learned about me that I am pro-environment.” The last one might be considered her political origins story.

In the Facebook post, Allen talked about her opposition to what she referred to several times as “big solar” buying up property in town, including land opposite her parents’ farm.

“What we learned is big solar in 2016, big corp solar complex family faced a battle out of state what we learned is big solar came into the little town of Monsoon and intimidated our town officials,” she said.

“It opened my eyes. It incentivized local farmers to stop farming. We saw that happened on so many levels. It wasn’t right (and) it’s the furthest thing from being ‘green.’ We see little benefit to our rural communities.”

After giving herself a crash course in town code she wrote and presented her own set of bylaws to give the select board standing to resist any future overtures, she said. Allen is also passionate about cannabis, both as a cash crop, for local retail opportunities, and for its medical properties.

“It’s an opportunity for farmers to keep farming. That just makes sense,” she said, adding, “I’m a medical marijuana patient and see all the good things the plant can do to help people and I have an interest in that.”

The industry is creating opportunities elsewhere, Allen reasoned, and “we can create that here for ourselves.”

A cannabis initiative introduced by a town committee she was on didn’t pan out because too few young voters – who tend to be pro-cannabis – didn’t turn out to cast ballots, she said, and getting younger people involved in local government is another goal.

“We need younger folks to get involved or our town can not evolve,” Allen said.

Her platform also includes more downtown business development, more cultural events, and expanding Veterans Field as a destination for events.

“I’m doing this as a gentle nudge from family members and people in town who think I should be government,” Allen said.

“Less politicians and more real people,” she said.

Watch her entire announcement video at [facebook.com/jessica.l.bailey.100](https://facebook.com/jessica.l.bailey.100).

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The annual Monson town election will be held 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Memorial Hall. Candidates can run for the following offices:

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ities, he was promoted to vocational director in 2013 where he oversaw instruction and curriculum in all programs. From 2014 to 2017 he also took on the added responsibilities of being a cooperative education director and expanded that program beyond expectations.

In his current role of assistant superintendent/principal, he has had his finger on the pulse of virtually every aspect of the day-to-day operation of the school. He has led the charge in a multitude of initiatives that have led to positive outcomes, including an unprecedented rise in MCAS scores and an increase in the rigor and diversity of programming.

His effectiveness as a leader has been especially evident through the current pandemic when he found it necessary to respond to multiple federal, state, and local officials with ever changing rules and regulations regarding the health and safety of students and staff. That responsibility has been carried out flawlessly.

Duda is no stranger to the local political landscape. He was elected to the Palmer Town Council in 2009 and was that body’s president in 2010 to 2011. He also served on the Charter Commission as a member and clerk. Today, he serves as an elected member of the Planning Board in his town of residence.

During his interview with the committee, he proposed a number of initiatives, including robust outreach efforts to district students and their families; maintaining positive relations with member town officials; updating the school’s strategic plan; and the possibility of new technical programs.

In 2011, Duda earned his master of education degree in school administration from American International College and is currently pursuing his PhD. He enjoys time with his wife, Jen, and their three children.

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Palmer girls action



Madison Cole heads for the layup attempt.

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Loretta Petrasiewicz sounds a pass away.



Maddie Theriault shoots from the free throw line.



Jill Lombardi makes a free throw.



Vanessa Baer fights for possession of the ball.

PALMER – The Palmer High School girls basketball team concluded the season last week. The Panthers were 5-4 on the abbreviated season, including a big 70-17 win over Pathfinder on Feb. 17. Maddie Theriault had 18 points in the win while Miyah Mega added 16 points.

## BASKETBALL

## Pioneers defense struggles

PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional High School boys basketball team had a tough run in the winter season, going just 1-6. Their defense struggled late in the season, allowing a lot of points to opponents despite having a decent scoring attack. The Pioneers season started late, on Feb. 12, after the team had to wait to be cleared to play due to high-risk COVID status for most of January.



Jordan Talbot reaches out for a layup.



Darren Woward shoots for the Pioneers.



Austin Lagimiere eyes the basket.

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Nick Beaulieu shoots alone on the hoop

## MIAA

## Wrestling still not cleared for competitions as spring looms

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – In an effort to fit every sport into the modified high school seasons, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association decided to move wrestling from the winter to the spring season. With football occurring during the Fall 2 season, it was decided wrestling should take place during the spring.

However, at a recent meeting of MIAA Wrestling Committee, it was announced the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs had still not cleared the sport of wrestling for Level 3 activity, which allows for competitions to occur. If wrestling is not allowed to have level 3 activity, meets cannot occur.

In the meeting, it was reported that football will be observed during the next

three weeks. Due to the close contact involved in football, the EEA will be looking at the sport to compare it to the close contact that will occur in wrestling. Spring sports are set to begin in late April, early May.

According to the minute of the committee meeting, if the EEA makes the decision to move wrestling into the level 3 status, then modifications to the sport will be presented for approval by the MIAA.

In addition to observation of football, the status of vaccination in the Commonwealth will also play into the lifting of restrictions at the state level. It was recently announced large sports venues like Fenway Park would be allowed to open beginning March 22 at 12 percent capacity as part of the beginning of Phase 4 of the state's re-opening plan.

## AUTO RACING

## More racers gearing up for modified series

SEEKONK – When the Tri Track Open Modified Series season takes the green flag on May 1 at Monadnock Speedway, the field will be stacked full of talent. One of the talented stars is rising New Hampshire racer Matthew Kimball, who is a former Mini Stock champion and currently a competitor in the Sportsman Modified division at multiple tracks in the Granite State.

Kimball, who does have limited starts with Tri Track, is hoping to be able to run the entire six-race slate in 2021. His most important goal will be to be consistent, learn more about the Tour-Type Modifieds, and come home with solid top-10 finishes. He also plans to compete full-time at Monadnock in the Apex Racing No. 11 in the track's Sportsman Modifieds and hopes to chase the NASCAR Division I National Championship, if the first few weeks of the season go well.

"It's always good to try and get your name out there and this is a great opportunity to do that," Kimball said. "We want to win races, but we are going to go race-by-race, and see what the



Submitted photo  
Matt Kimball is another hopeful to win the Tri Track this year.

schedules look like, so we don't have conflicts. We're going to take this year step-by-step. We would like to finish top-10 in the Tri Track points."

Kimball, who won the Mini Stock title at Monadnock in 2018, started his career in go-karts, and moved to the Mini Stocks at the age of 13. From there, he sat behind the wheel of a modified at full speed for the first time at age 15, and the experience was different from any-

thing he had dealt with before -- but he found success quickly.

"My dad had a few championships before I took over and it didn't take me too long to adapt to it," Kimball said. "I won my first race just four weeks into the season. I practiced a lot before getting into a race -- ran it towards the end of the year, and during practices, we went out as much as possible. Once you get comfortable in the car, it's like driving any other race car."

Kimball competes regularly at Monadnock, Hudson Speedway, Claremont Speedway and occasionally Lee USA Speedway, and plans to focus on Monadnock full-time this season, along with Tri Track. Driving the No. 50 machine, Kimball has learned the ropes of the Modified over the last few years, but knows he needs to continue to soak up the environment to be successful at the level of Tri Track competition. He finished sixth and seventh in the two Tri Track races on Monadnock's high-banks last year.

"It's a pretty big difference racing-wise from a Mini Stock to a Modified, but it just takes a few laps to get used to the throttle and the power," Kimball said. "The biggest difference is the tone of the race. It's a lot different trying to save your tires, versus a crate car, where you go hard the whole time. I still have to figure it out. I have to figure out adjustments to make it last more than 80 laps, so we are there at the end. A lot of it is experience -- you don't really see many guys jump in a tour car

## BASEBALL

## Blue Sox name new general manager

HOLYOKE – Valley Blue Sox President Fred Ciaglo announced the hiring of Kate Avard as the team's new General Manager.

Avard, 22, will be returning to the Blue Sox organization after interning with the team during the 2016 season. The Easthampton, MA native, originally from Holyoke, is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst where she earned a B.S. degree in Sport Management from the Isenberg School of Management and a B.S. degree studying kinesiology from the School of Public Health and Health Sciences.

"We're very excited to appoint Kate as our new General Manager," said Ciaglo. "Having previously served as one of our interns, she knows the culture and community-oriented mission of our organization. Given her education in sport management, Kate will bring strong business fundamentals, creativity and a passion for baseball to the Blue Sox front office."

While at UMass Amherst, Avard served as the Intramural Special Events Assistant and held multiple internships within the Athletic Department. After



## Nominees for volleyball hall announced

HOLYOKE – The list of 25 nominees for the International Volleyball Hall of Fame 2021 Induction has been announced and the Fan Vote presented by Mizuno is now officially open through Feb. 28.

Fans can vote daily for as many nominees as they feel are deserving of Induction. The top 5 nominees selected by the public will comprise a “fans’ ballot” that will be tallied along with the official selection committee ballots to

pick the Class of 2021 inductees. “These 25 nominees represent 11 different countries and some of the biggest names in volleyball from the past two decades and beyond,” said George Mulry, Executive Director of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame. “Having to skip the 2020 class of Inductees because of COVID has created a bit of a backlog that’s resulted in perhaps the strongest list of nominees top to bottom we’ve ever had. I think it’s go-

ing to be really hard for people to narrow down their Fan Vote selections but it will also make this year’s Induction that much more special for the selected class.” The new class of Inductees will be announced in March and the 2021 Induction Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23 and will be live streamed for anyone that cannot travel to Holyoke. Induction Celebration tickets will go on sale when the new class is announced.

The nominees are: Taismary

Agüero, Dr. Rolf Andresen, Manuela Benelli, Gianfranco Briani, Julius Brink and Jonas Reckermann, Dr. Gabriel Cherebetiu, Sergio Dutra Santos, Giovane Gavio, Linda Hanley, Barbara Jellic-Ruzic, Pieter Joon, Siegfried Kohler, Peter Lange, Andre Meyer, Samuele Papi, Carmelo Pittera, Bernardo Rezende, Todd Rogers, Yumilka Ruiz, Ricardo Santos, Clay Stanley, Sergey Tetyukhin, Logan Tom, Fernanda Venturini, and Elaine Youngs.

## Sign-ups now available for 2021 Relics softball

LUDLOW – The Western Mass Relics has opened registration for the 2021 Senior Softball Season. The Silver Division (age 50 to 64) has filled 36 of the 112 spots and the Gold Division (65-and-up) has filled 32 of the 96 spots. The registrations are accepted on a first come first serve basis. All our games are played at the Fish & Game in Ludlow. For further information or to register go to <http://www.westernmassrelics.org>.

## Gobi announces committee assignments and staffing

SPENCER — Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) has returned to the State House for the 2021-2022 legislative session. With the Senate ratifying assignments, Gobi has been reappointed chair of the Joint Committee on Public Higher Education, and will now serve as vice chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Redistricting.

She will continue to serve as a member on the powerful Senate Ways and Means Committee. New to the 2021-2022 session, Gobi has been tapped to serve as a member on the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business, the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs, and the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

“I am looking forward to an exciting and challenging session as we work together to recover and thrive,” Gobi said.

“In addition to my committee appointments the office stays very busy responding to concerns and answering questions. I am fortunate to have a wonderful staff that assists in providing personal and professional service to all who live and work in the district.”

## Hampshire association seeking umpires

REGION – The Hampshire Franklin Baseball Umpire Association (HFBUA) is planning to conduct classes for the 2021 baseball season following all recommended COVID-19 protocols including the possibility of on-line instruction. The association covers umpiring of scholastic baseball for all of Hampshire and Franklin county schools

registered under MIAA and several other baseball leagues in the area. If you are interested in umpiring baseball or obtaining further information regarding the upcoming classes please contact Roger Booth - Secretary/Treasurer of the HFBUA via email at [quilt hunter@comcast.net](mailto:quilt hunter@comcast.net).

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graduating from UMass Amherst, Avard enrolled in graduate courses studying athletic training and emergency medicine at Boston University.

Avard is eager to return to MacKenzie Stadium and expand her role with the organization.

“Growing up in Holyoke, I attended many Holyoke Giants games, then later Blue Sox games, with my family which is where I fell in love with the sport of baseball,” said Avard. I later interned with the team and saw firsthand the positive influence the team had on the local families and local community, similar to what I had personally experienced growing up,” she added.

“The Blue Sox reputation has grown tremendously over the past few years, making the team a staple throughout Western Mass, said Avard. “Stepping into the role of General Manager, I hope I am able to build upon the relationship the organization has with the community and grow the team in the coming years.”

### RACING I from page 4

and just be there at the end.”

He’s excited to continue to race with the talented field Tri Track offers, and is looking forward to visiting Seekonk Speedway for the first time in his career. Tri Track’s 2021 schedule includes two stops at Monadnock, his home-track, two at Seekonk and two at Star Speedway, where Kimball has limited laps.

“It’s a lot different racing against the big names, but they were in the same shoes we were at one point in their career,” Kimball said. “I’ve never even been

to Seekonk, so that will be tough. But I feel confident in Monadnock and I’ve won at Star in the Mini Stock. The difference at Star with a car with a lot more power will require a different line and everything. It should be a lot of figuring out different setups this year.”

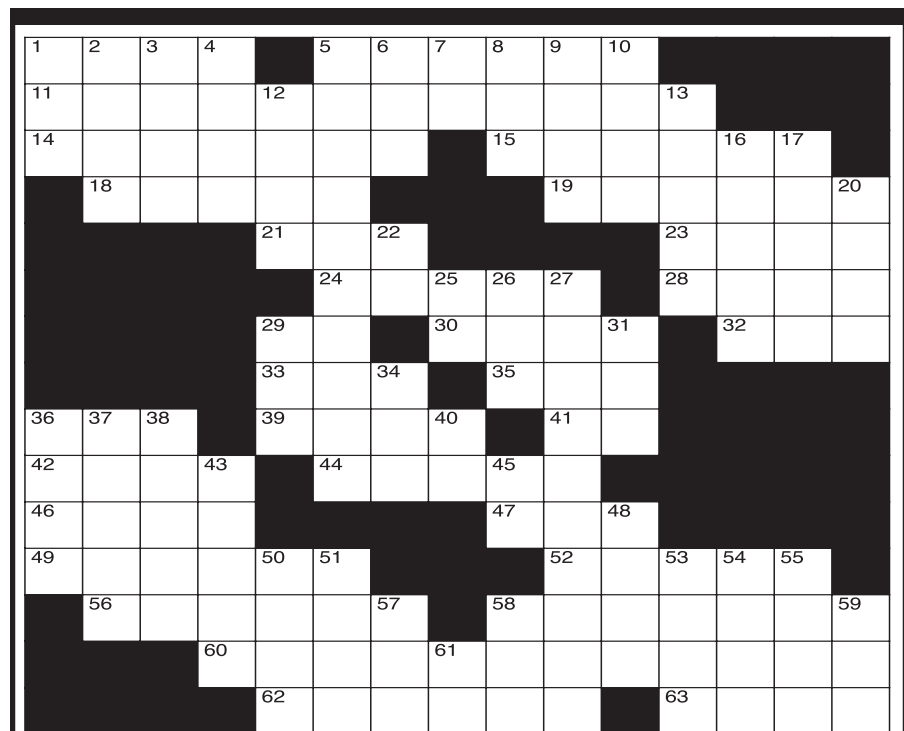
With support from his family and friends, and his sponsors, Kimball wouldn’t be able to drive on the track. His sponsors include APEX Racing, KRJ Jewelry, Edmunds Ace Hardware, Peterboro Tools, Tyler’s Small Engines,

Trends of Fashion, Birch Wood Inn, Beangroup and more. He’s lucky to have a stout list of supporters behind him to help him compete at a high-level.

“I’m just going to be playing it by ear and get the cars ready and go for Monadnock, I’ll be running three races in that same weekend,” Kimball said. “Between the two Sportsman Modified races and the Tri Track race, it will be a busy weekend. I’m also going to be able to race my dad, who will run our family car in a few races this year. I’ve beaten him three times, and he’s beaten me once, so hopefully I can keep the good streak going. I’m just hoping to be there at the end of each race this year.”

Kimball is just one of more than 15 drivers who have already registered to compete in the entire Tri Track slate for the 2021 season. Registration is open and teams can register at [TriTrack-Modifieds.com/team-info](http://TriTrack-Modifieds.com/team-info). Teams have the option to either sign-up for the whole season or just one single race.

The Tri Track Open Modified Series will visit three historic New England tracks, twice each, to make up the six-race schedule for 2021. The series will stop at Monadnock Speedway in Winchester, New Hampshire on May 1 and August 14, while visiting Star Speedway in Epping, New Hampshire on May 22 and July 24. The anticipated return to Seekonk Speedway, scheduled for June 30 and October 23, will mark two staple events -- the \$10,000 to win Open Wheel Wednesday in June and the Haunted Hundred to wrap the season.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. One of Noah's sons
5. Openings
11. Rising from the dead
14. Expressions for humorous effect
15. North American country
18. Flowed over
19. Tags
21. Long-lasting light bulb
23. Off-Broadway theater award
24. Khoikhoi peoples
28. Beloved movie pig
29. South Dakota
30. Tai language
32. Get free of
33. Afflict
35. Transmits genetic information from DNA
36. Commercials

### CLUES DOWN

1. A title of respect in India
2. His and \_\_\_
3. Employee stock ownership plan
4. A type of bond
39. Digits
41. Expression of sympathy
42. Bleats
44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
46. Vegetable
47. Turf
49. Disorganized in character
52. Takes
56. Rules over
58. More fervid
60. Sweet drink
62. Cry loudly
63. A friendly nation

### (abbr.)

5. Acting as if you are
6. Affirmative
7. Not caps
8. Type of medication
9. Monetary unit
10. Private school in New York
12. Small stream
13. A person of wealth
16. Exclude
17. Someone who vouches for you
20. Vegetable part
22. Gov't lawyer
25. Term to address a woman
26. Swiss river
27. About senator
29. \_\_\_ Paulo, city
31. Native American tribe
34. "Titanic" actor
36. Campaign for students' rights

### (abbr.)

37. Capital of Senegal
38. Slang for military leader
40. Football's big game
43. Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres
45. Equally
48. Forest animal
50. Heavy stoves
51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
53. Song
54. Type of pickle
55. Offer in return for money
57. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Burns wood (abbr.)
59. Beloved singer Charles
61. Three-toed sloth

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## Athlete of the Week

### Madison Cole Palmer High School

Cole was among four double-digit scorers in a Feb. 17 win over Pathfinder with 12 points. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to [gscibelli@turley.com](mailto:gscibelli@turley.com).

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“It’s definitely difficult to learn online,” said Godek. “I prefer to learn in-person. It’s hard to grasp certain concepts, but all of our teachers and administrators have been doing such an amazing job trying to keep everything feel as normal as possible.”

As for extracurricular activities, Godek said her responsibilities as student council president have been difficult because when she can only conduct virtual meetings. That has dampened the enthusiasm of some of her peers have for activities like music and sports, she said.

“You can just tell that there’s sort of like a dwindle in activity because of COVID,” Godek said.

“It’s definitely challenging, but I’m really thankful for the environment that we have, because they’ve been doing an awesome job.”

Godek also expressed gratitude for Tantasqua High’s guidance counselors, who still meet with students regularly and virtually.

“They’re also always open to talk to everyone,” Godek said.

“Every senior has like a senior meeting for college because your school counselor has to give you a rec-

ommendation letter, so they met with us back in like October and since then they’ve been meeting with us to check in to see where we are.”

As graduation gets closer, Godek said she is looking forward to going to college and pursuing her dream of becoming a speech language pathologist and studying special education.

Because she enjoys working with children and has an interest in speech language pathology, Godek sees herself working either as a private practitioner or with education institution.

So far, Godek has been accepted to Merrimack University and Sacred Heart University and said she is ready to close this chapter of her life and begin the next one.

“I’m looking forward to having a normal college experience and meeting new people, making new friends and become a better version of myself and figure out who I want to be and who I want to help,” Godek said.

“My main thing is helping people. I think that’s sort of why I want to become a speech language pathologist because I’ve seen the positive impact and I really want to be that someone for someone else.”

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Francis N. Fountain, 96**  
Died: Feb. 27, 2021  
Services are private

**David Joseph Kaczmarczyk, 71**  
Died: Feb. 22, 2021

**Daniel Quattrocilli, 68**  
Died: Feb. 21, 2021  
Service to be held at later date

**Leah A. Hubbard, 80**  
Died: Feb. 27, 2021  
Services: 10 a.m. March 12 at  
St. Thomas The Apostle in Palmer

**Therese Mullen, 91**  
Died: March 1, 2021  
Funeral Mass: 11 a.m.  
March 11 at  
St. Thomas the Apostle Church

## O B I T U A R I E S

*Francis N. Fountain, 96*

GILMANTON IRON WORKS, N.H. — Francis N. (Norm) Fountain, of Gilmanton Iron Works, N.H., died Saturday, Feb. 27, at Golden View Health Care in Meredith, N.H. He was 96.

He had lived at home and enjoyed good health until a series of falls and small strokes slowed him over his last four months.

He was born in Palmer on June 6, 1924, to Charles J. and Helen A. (Sullivan) Fountain. His father owned a garage and livery business and was elected to four terms as a Palmer selectman. His mother worked in her family's bakery, and one of Norm's warmest childhood memories was the smell of fresh-baked bread wafting from his mother's kitchen.

Following graduation from Palmer High School in 1941, he took a job as a meter reader with the local electric utility. He would remain with the company — which would eventually become Massachusetts Electric — for more than 45 years.

During World War II, he served with the Army's 97th Infantry Division, seeing fighting in Germany in the final weeks of

the European war, and then serving as part of the Army of occupation in Japan during 1945-'46. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the European and Pacific Theater ribbons.

Following the war, he married, built, by his own hand, a home in Palmer and a cottage in New Hampshire, took some evening courses at Western New England College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and worked his way through the ranks of the Massachusetts Electric Company, eventually retiring as district superintendent in Southbridge and Hopedale.

He moved permanently to Gilmanton Iron Works following his retirement in 1987. There he indulged in a lifelong passion for woodworking, spending hours a day in his well-equipped workshop in the basement of his lakefront home. He crafted items as delicate as jewelry boxes and as substantial as beds, armoires, hutches, end tables and kitchen cabinets. But grandfather clocks



were his specialty. He built more than a dozen, from oak, cherry and walnut; and today they stand as heirlooms-in-waiting in the homes of his children, extended family, and friends from New England to the Carolinas.

His wife Louise (Sawicki) died in 2016; they had been married 66 years. He is survived by his five children: Charles and his wife Catherine of Cambridge; James and his wife Deb of Oakdale, Conn.; Gregory of Gilmanton Iron Works; Robert and his wife Mariane of Woodbridge, Conn.; and Maureen and her husband Michael Quinn of Arlington. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, his funeral mass at St. Katherine Drexel Church in Alton, N.H., will be private. Burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in Palmer will follow at a later date. Cremation care by Peaslee Funeral Home.

To express condolences, visit [peasleefuneralhome.com](http://peasleefuneralhome.com).

*Leah A. Hubbard, 80*

WARREN — Leah A. Hubbard, 80, passed away Feb. 27, 2021, at Webster Manor with her family by her side.

She was born on April 10, 1940, in Worcester to the late Roy A. and Leah V. (Kennedy) Germain. Leah previously worked at the Monson Developmental Center for over 23 years.

In her leisure, Leah enjoyed shopping with her daughter, Susan. She also enjoyed sitting down with a good book from time to time. Besides her parents, Leah was predeceased by her be-

loved husband, Ralph Hubbard. She will be forever missed by her children, Susan Morin, and husband, Joseph, of Sturbridge; Donald Mantha of Warren; and Diane Couture of Connecticut. She also leaves her grandson, Michael Boutin, who was her loving pride and joy.

A walk-through visitation will be held 3-6 p.m. Thursday, March 11. Friends and family may gather at the funeral home



at 9 a.m. the following morning to proceed to Leah's Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, March 12, at St. Thomas the Apostle in Palmer. Burial will follow in St. Anne's Cemetery.

For those wishing, donations can be made in Leah's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital by visiting [StJude.org](http://StJude.org). For more information or to sign the online guestbook, visit [beersandstory.com](http://beersandstory.com).

*David Joseph Kaczmarczyk, 71*

David Joseph Kaczmarczyk of Sandwich, a native of Palmer, died Feb. 22, 2021, of coronavirus. He was 71.

He leaves his wife Sharon; daughters Kristen Kaczmarczyk and Kate Edwards; son-in-law

Kristofer Edwards; and grandsons Ryan and Ayden. He also leaves his sister Jean Andrews (Greg), brother Richard Kaczmarczyk (Michele), nephew Jeffrey Kaczmarczyk (Marissa) and their children Charlotte

and Joshua, and a cousin, Linda Kaczmarczyk.

For full obituary and online guestbook, visit [johnlawrencefuneralhome.com](http://johnlawrencefuneralhome.com).

## O B I T U A R I E S

*Therese Mullen, 91*

Therese Mullen, 91, of Wilbraham (formerly of Palmer) passed away on Monday, March 1, 2021. Terry was residing at Orchard Valley of Wilbraham.

She was born to the late Albert and Sheila (Grummel) Phaneuf on June 30, 1929, in Detroit, Mich., and grew up in Ludlow, attended local schools and graduated in 1948 as Valedictorian of her Cathedral High School class. She went on to earn her RN in 1951 from the Springfield School of Nursing (now Baystate Hospital).

Terry married Kenneth H. Mullen in 1952 and Palmer has been her home for over 60 years. She is survived by her three children: Susan Boucher (Frank) of Monson; Jane Sutphin (Jim) of Enfield, Conn.; and Janet Mullen (Steven) of East Brunswick, N.J. She is also survived by six much-loved grandchildren: Jared and Ryan Boucher; Cameron and Conor Sutphin; and Alexandra and Jamison Brill; three sweet great-grandchildren; her sister Yvonne (Judy) Pedersen; her sister-in-law Phyllis Phaneuf, as well as cousins, nieces and nephews.

Terry was predeceased by her husband Kenneth; her brothers, Raymond and Leodore Phaneuf; her sisters-in-law, Janet Miller, Wynell (Joy) Phaneuf and Marie Mullen; her brothers-in-law, Robert Mullen and Wilbur (Bing) Miller; as well as her nephew, Russell Miller & niece, Terie Miller Jacobus.

A voracious learner, Terry continued her education and graduated from Springfield College with a BS in 1967. In 1970, she earned an MS in Nursing Education from the University of Massa-

chusetts at Amherst, returning a few years later to earn a Nurse Practitioner Certification. Terry worked as a nurse, a supervisor and Director of Nursing at Monson Developmental Center for a total of almost 40 years. She made lasting friends from nursing school, college and from the community of Palmer as well as from many who both lived and worked at Monson Developmental Center.

Terry was a loving and well loved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend, but her favorite "hat" was her Nurses Cap and Pin and her favorite title was Nurse! She simply loved being a nurse and helping people. There was a time if a friend or family member was hospitalized, Terry would put on that hat and pin a go to the hospital to "special" them. Terry remained close friends to the end with several women who graduated from Nursing School with her.

She was an active member of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, serving for one term as President. She valued education dearly and never stopped learning. Terry was a creative soul who, over the years, sewed many of her own and her children's clothes. She quilted, she hooked beautiful rugs, embroidered and wove baskets. She was a member of the Rosary Sodality, she taught Catechism, and she served as a lector at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Palmer for many years.

Throughout the years, when her family was young, she worked



full time at Monson Developmental Center, but would always find the time to cook a special Sunday dinner every week for the entire family, including both grandparents! After her retirement, she participated as a member of the Palmer Rotary Club and for 18 years she volunteered with Top Floor Learning.

Terry knew the value of family and friends, of education, the importance of personal generosity, of volunteering, as well as for working hard for what you want. Throughout her life, she exemplified these virtues. One of her many remarkable and selfless contributions was to the Nurses' Health Study and Brain Donation Initiative to which she continued to contribute information until her passing.

Calling hours will be Thursday, March 11, at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, 1475 N Main St. beginning at 9 a.m. and followed by procession to St. Thomas the Apostle Church for Therese's funeral mass at 11 a.m. Burial will be in the spring at St. Thomas Cemetery, Palmer.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that people consider making donations to Top Floor Learning, 1455 North Main St. Palmer, MA 01068; The Alzheimer's Association, 225 N Michigan Ave. Fl 17, IL 60601 ([act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org)); The ALS Association, 4 Oxford Road, Unit E4, Milford, CT 06460; or to the charity of your choice.

To leave a memory, visit [beersandstory.com](http://beersandstory.com).

*Daniel Quattrocilli, 1952 – 2021*

BRIMFIELD — Daniel Quattrocilli, 68, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021, at his home.

He was born in Southbridge on March 24, 1952, a son of the late Eustis Quattrocilli and Marie (Bastian) Quattrocilli of Holland. He was raised in Holland and was a graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School, where he studied drafting and design. He enjoyed folk music, playing the banjo and guitar and was an avid reader. He was an accomplished mechan-

ical engineer working primarily in fiber optics and most recently at Schott Fiber Optics in Southbridge.

He was predeceased by his wife, Janis (Powell) Quattrocilli in 2018. In addition to his mother, Daniel leaves behind three sons, Kreg Quattrocilli of Florida; Eric Quattrocilli of Brookfield; Darrell Quattrocilli of Brimfield; a step daughter Heather Wironin of Hardwick; four grandchildren, Brooke Morin, Nathan, Mia and Luke Quattrocilli; two

great grandchildren, Cody and Laura Jean Morin. He also leaves five brothers, Bob Quattrocilli of Florida; James Quattrocilli of Virginia; Butch Quattrocilli of Sturbridge; Raymond Quattrocilli of Jacksonville, Ore.; Ernie Quattrocilli of Putnam, Conn., as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends, especially Pat Phinney of Monson.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Visit [lombardfuneralhome.com](http://lombardfuneralhome.com) for online condolences and more details.

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home in Longmeadow.

"I knew the person in the article so it drew my attention, and when I saw who poured their concrete I felt a pit in my stomach — because I knew we had used the same supplier, JJ Mottes from Stafford Springs, Conn.," Loglisci said.

"I went and checked our basement, but it didn't seem like his, so we went into denial mode hoping our concrete was made with different aggregate. Soon afterward, my husband lit up the basement with bright shop lights and started marking the cracking with sidewalk chalk. There was a lot of cracking. We then decided we had to call a structural engineer, all the while hoping ours was OK. But when he came, he confirmed our suspicions and suggested we get the core testing done."

That confirmed the presence of pyrrhotite. Estimates to replace the foundation were prohibitive at more than \$260,000.

"We've lost the value of our home," Loglisci said.

"We were told by a local lender that we have no equity in the home now, only in the land it sits on. So we can't downsize, we can't buy our retirement home. It's frustrating and depressing. When you work so hard to set up your retirement plan and something like this, that you had no control over and have no recourse to recover from, takes it all away, it's heart-breaking."

## Help from the state

Mass. Sen. Anne Gobi, whose district includes Monson and surrounding towns, helped secure some relief funding such as reimbursement for core testing and other measures, in the fiscal year 2019 state budget. Last week, she introduced a bill called "An Act Relative to Crumbling Concrete Foundations," to address concerns that surfaced during a special commission she co-chaired last year.

The legislation seeks to act on the commission's recommendations, including tax abatements for affected homeowners. It requires disclosure of foundation repairs for those looking to sell their home and creates new standards for quarry operators and concrete producers.

A key portion of the bill is allowing the Commonwealth to follow Connecticut's lead in establishing a "captive insurance company" as a funding mechanism through bonding and a surcharge on homeowners' insurance policies to help homeowners pay for new foundations.

"We're looking at creating a captive insurance company like in Connecticut," Gobi said.

"There's no funding stream right now, so we need to set up this other entity. It's what they've done in Connecticut and it has been extremely successful."

Gobi also said as the bill makes its way through the legislative process, she hopes to find a way to reimburse towns that of-



Courtesy photos

After becoming aware, Michelle Loglisci's husband began charting the progress of the cracks showing up in their basement. Now, they are told their house has no re-sale value, leaving them with no equity in the home they built.

fer the tax abatements, although there's no revenue stream for it at the moment.

"Towns are supportive" about the idea, she said.

Loglisci, who served on the special committee, is especially enthusiastic about creating a captive insurance company.

"This bill begins to move forward some of the recommendations from that commission," oglisci said.

"It's certainly not the sum total of what is needed, but it's a beginning. It's so important to homeowners to have some protection from buying an affected home. When you consider these foundations were poured as late as 2015 and the signs don't show up until

at least 10 years later, you can see the risk to the buyer. Allowing a captive insurance company to operate in Massachusetts is a critical first step in a replacement plan like they have been operating in Connecticut. This is being done in Connecticut, Canada, and Ireland, so Massachusetts needs this too."

## Want to know more?

To learn more about pyrrhotite use in home foundations and to connect with other affected residents, visit the Massachusetts Residents Against Crumbling Concrete page on Facebook. For more information about Gobi's bill, email her office at [Anne.Gobi@MASenate.gov](mailto:Anne.Gobi@MASenate.gov).

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**Probate & Family Court Dept. HD21E0002PP**  
To Heidi Werbicki Flagg of Wales, in the County of Hampden, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Debra Elaine Wellner Phillips of Shorterville, Alabama and Donna Jean Wellner Richards of Greensboro, North Carolina, representing that they hold as tenants in common an undivided part or share of land lying in Wales, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Two Hundred Eighty Thousand (\$280,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to

that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **twenty-fifth day of March 2021**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this twenty-second day of January, 2021.

**Rosemary Saccomani**  
Register of Probate & Family Court

It is ordered that notice of said proceeding be given by delivering or mailing by registered or certified mail a copy of the foregoing citation to all persons interested whose addresses are known fourteen days at least before said return day, and if any person is not so served, by mailing a copy thereof to the last known address of such person fourteen days at least before said return day; and by publishing a copy thereof once in each week for three successive weeks in **The Journal Register**, a newspaper published in Wales, the last publication to be one day at least

before said return day.  
Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this twenty-second day of January, 2021.

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03/04, 03/11, 03/18/2021

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD21P0341EA  
Estate of:  
John R Butcher, Jr.  
Also known as:  
John R Butcher  
Date of Death: 10/15/2020**

## CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jennifer L Costa** of Palmer, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Jennifer L Costa** of Palmer, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/26/2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 26, 2021  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
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(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD21P0296EA  
Estate of:  
John R Cavagna  
Date of Death: 12/21/2020**

### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joyce M Folger** of Holland, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Joyce M Folger** of Holland, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/22/2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

### UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Represent-

ative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 22, 2021  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
03/04/2021

### LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of LaBonte Self Storage, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the stored goods of the following named people, including household items will be sold at public lien sale at **9:00 AM on March 12, 2021**, on the premises of LaBonte Self Storage, 250 Wilbraham Street, Palmer, Massachusetts:

Diane E. Van Hook  
22 Grove Street  
Apartment 2  
Vernon, Connecticut  
06066

Kristy M. Giordano  
Post Office Box 746  
Palmer, Massachusetts  
01069

Michael A. Gouvin  
1564 North Main Street  
Palmer, Massachusetts  
01069  
Jessica M. Ventura  
144 Breckenridge Street  
Palmer, Massachusetts  
01069

Tanya Cunningham  
Post Office Box 112  
Ware, Massachusetts  
01082  
02/25, 03/04/2021

### TOWN OF MONSON

**Monson Housing Authority**  
The Monson Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the 667-1 & 667-2 Siding and Soffits, #191043 in Monson, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Nault Architects Inc.

The Project consists of: Residing the 200 building of the 667-2 development and select soffit replacement in the 667-1 development. The work is estimated to cost \$71,400.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §826 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at [www.biddocs-online.com](http://www.biddocs-online.com). Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

DCAMM Certification Requirements: NONE

General Bids will be received until **11:00 AM on Thursday, 25 March 2021** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

All Bids should be submitted online at [www.biddocs-online.com](http://www.biddocs-online.com) and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Monson Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at [www.biddocs-online.com](http://www.biddocs-online.com) (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs **PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: Tuesday, 16 March 2021 at 9:00 AM Address:**

### 31 State Street #50, Monson

Instructions: Pre-bid will be held outdoors. All attendees must wear masks. Please refer to DHCD's Addendum #1 for additional pre-bid information.  
03/04/2021

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Diane L. Nelson and Glenn W. Nelson to First Niagra Bank, N.A.** dated June 6, 2011, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18800, Page 513, of which mortgage Amos Financial LLC is the present holder by an assignment recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 23051, Page 436, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12 p.m. on April 16, 2021 at 150 Ware Street, Palmer, Hampden County, MA, 01069, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage:

#### TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land in Palmer Centre, so-called, Hampden County, Massachusetts, on the westerly side of the Ware Road, just South of the County road leading to Thorndike, at the southeast corner of land formerly of William King and referred to as a heap of stones where an apple tree stood, running thence W 4°N, 8 rods, 17 links to a place referred to as a heap of stones; thence S 4° W, 6 rods, 15 links to a place referred to as marked by a stake and stones; thence E 13° S, 7 ¾ rods to another heap of stones at the Ware road (also formerly referred to as a County road); thence Northerly by said road to the place of beginning.

Containing about one half acre of land with buildings thereon.

Subject to well rights as set forth in instrument dated April 24, 1847, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 291, page 523.

Being the same premises conveyed to Grantor by deed record in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 18800, Page 504 and Book 18800, Page 507.

See also Book 18800, Page 510.

These premises will also be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. These premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or rights of parties in possession now or at the time of said auction which are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and to laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances.

#### TERMS OF SALE:

The highest bidder in the sale of the premises shall deposit a bank treasurer's check, or certified check in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) at the time and place of the sale of the premises as a non-refundable earnest money deposit towards the purchase price to be held at the option of the Mortgagee as liquidated damages for any default by the successful bidder. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Joseph Perl, Attorney at Law, 203 Arlington St., Suite 2, Watertown, MA 02472, whose phone number is 781-704-7047, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price.

The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale at the public auction containing the terms herein and any additional terms set forth in the Memorandum of Sale or announced at the public auction. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction fails to perform in the time specified to purchase the premises, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its sole election, to sell the premises by foreclosure deed to the other qualified bidders, in descending order beginning with the next highest bidder, provided that in each case the next highest bidder delivers to Mortgagee the amount of the required deposit within three (3) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder and promptly executes a Memorandum of Sale providing for performance within thirty (30) days of execution. Mortgagee also reserves the right, at its sole election, to assume the bid of any defaulting or declining bidder. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone this sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Amos Financial LLC  
Present holder of said mortgage

By its attorney,

Joseph Perl, Esq.  
Law Office of Joseph Perl  
203 Arlington St., Suite 2  
Watertown, MA 02472  
781-704-7047  
03/04, 03/11, 03/18/2021

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

**Docket NO. 20 SM 000543  
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: David D. Perkins  
a/k/a David Perkins

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Selene Finance LP claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Monson, numbered 21 Wilbraham Road, given by David D. Perkins and Sherry R. Perkins to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., dated April 25, 2008, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17270, Page 496, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated November 27, 2012, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 19868, Page 517, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated June 8, 2016, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21240, Page 411, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated January 12, 2018, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22362, Page 89, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **4/5/2021** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 2/22/2021

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson,  
Recorder  
03/04/2021

## LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Timothy J. Petelle and Donna M. Petelle to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated September 29, 2006 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16246, Page 570 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2007-HE3 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-HE3 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2007-HE3 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-HE3 dated July 16, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 19393, Page 439, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 12 Orchard Street, Palmer, MA 01069 will be sold at a Public Auction at **12:00 PM on April 6, 2021**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Depot Village of Palmer bounded and described as follows:

Two certain tracts of land situate on the westerly side of Orchards Street on the Depot Village of said Palmer, and being lots numbered seven (7) and eight (8) on plan of lots of C.W. Hastings and Company, recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 1, Page 203, to which plan reference is hereby made.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16246, Page 568.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

**Terms of the Sale:** Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the

#### Other terms to be announced at the sale.

sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2007-HE3 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-HE3

Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
Suite 3102  
Lowell, MA 01851  
(978) 256-1500  
Petelle, Timothy J. and  
Donna M., 15-022730  
03/04, 03/11, 03/18/2021

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS  
March 4, 2021  
TOWN OF PALMER  
4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069  
(413) 283-2685**

To All Interested Agencies, Groups and

Persons:

On or about March 22, 2021 the Town of Palmer will request the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to release CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended for the following project:

### PALMER COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM TOWN OF PALMER, HAMPDEN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

- Housing Rehabilitation Program- \$461,250 to provide low and moderate income homeowners residing within the Target Area with deferred payment loans to repair their homes.

- Program Administration- \$72,493 to administer the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

- Hryniewicz Park Project- \$30,000 to redesign the existing park and play area.

- Program Administration- \$3,000 to administer the Hryniewicz Park Project.

- Planning Project- \$35,000 for a Housing Production Plan.

- Program Administration- \$3,000 to administer the Housing Production Plan.

- Social Service Programs- \$151,607 for the Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force, PATCH Domestic Violence Advocate, Quaboag Connector, and Job-Related Transportation Program.

- Program Administration- \$8,000 to administer the Social Services Programs.

- General Administration- \$60,650 to cover staff salary to administer the comprehensive CDBG program over the implementation period.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the Town of Palmer which documents the environmental determination for the project. This Environmental Review Record is on file and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, at The Office of Community Development, 4417 Main Street, Palmer between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday.

Public Comments: Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record to the Palmer Community Development Office. All comments received by March 21, 2021 will be considered by the Town of Palmer prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Release of Funds: The Town of Palmer certifies to the State that Ryan McNutt, in his official capacity as Town Manager, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the Certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Palmer to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds: The State will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Palmer's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Palmer; (b) the Town of Palmer has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant,

Department of Housing and Community Development, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114.

Ryan McNutt,  
Town Manager  
4417 Main Street,  
Palmer, MA 01069  
03/04/2021

### PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 49, Section 15-C, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm virtually via Zoom.**

**The meeting ID: 998 6672 1142  
Passcode: 522343  
Dial by telephone: 1 646 558 8656**

The applicant, Prime Distribution Services, LLC, namely Sherwood Lumber, is seeking a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval as required by sections 171.69 – Water Supply Protection District and 171.29 – Site Plan Review, for the construction of a new metal storage building with a paved loading/unloading area as well as a Stormwater management system at the property located at 29 Third St, Bondsville MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 28 Lot 31.

A copy of the application may be inspected on the Planning Department website at [www.townofpalmer.com/planning](http://www.townofpalmer.com/planning) or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotice.org>).

Michael Marcinee,  
Chairman

02/25, 03/04/2021

### PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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The applicant, Silver Therapeutics, INC is seeking an amendment to Special Permit #SP19-04 to transfer all rights and obligations from New England Recreation & Health, LLC, to Silver Therapeutics, INC as required by sections 171-124 G. (2) of the Marijuana Establishments and Registered Marijuana Dispensaries Zoning Ordinance, for the operation of a retail marijuana establishment at the property located at 1235 Thorndike Street, Palmer, MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 73, Lot 58.

A copy of the application may be inspected on the Planning Department website at [www.townofpalmer.com/planning](http://www.townofpalmer.com/planning) or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

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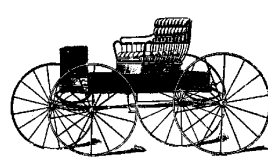
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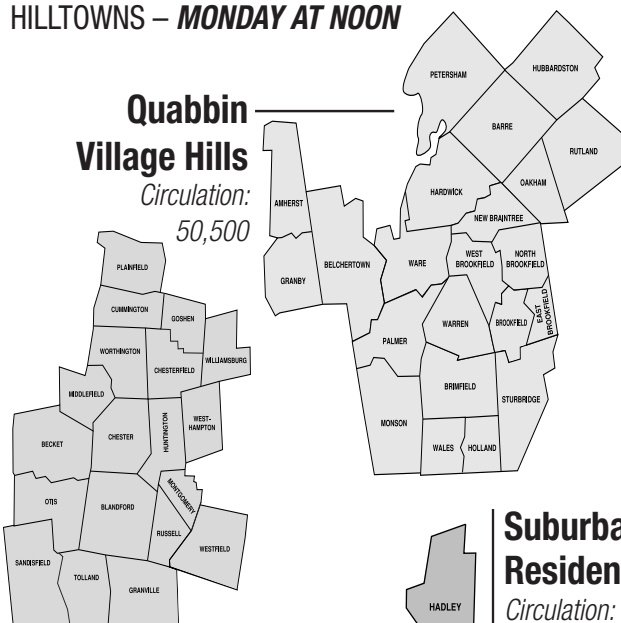
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## NOW

**MINDFULNESS MEDITATION:** Looking to connect with your inner self? Hitchcock Academy has classes in mindfulness meditation to help you throw off your winter fog. Now underway and continuing over the next three weeks, instructor Annette Farrington will be your online guide to forming mindfulness meditation practices that will help you deal with and manage your stress level. Register at [hitchcockacademy.org](http://hitchcockacademy.org).

**DOG TRAINING:** A new session of Introduction to K9 Nose-work training begins on March 6 at Hitchcock Academy. Register at [hitchcockacademy.org](http://hitchcockacademy.org).

**FREE WEBINAR SERIES FOR TEENS AND YOUNG**

**ADULTS:** Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts, in partnership with MassMutual Passages Business Resource Group, is offering a series of webinars on Zoom for teens and young adults. Each seminar will be one hour in length and will include: An Overview of MassMutual Passages Business Resource Group; Guest speakers discussing different careers and pathways; Question and answer period. The next one is

12:45 p.m. on March 9. Can't participate live? You can view later on-demand. For more and to register go to [jawm.org/massmutual-career-opportunity-webinars](http://jawm.org/massmutual-career-opportunity-webinars).

## From the Palmer Library

2020 Tax Forms are now available through the Palmer Public Library Curbside Pickup. To schedule a time to pick up forms, please visit [palmerlibrary.org/taxforms](http://palmerlibrary.org/taxforms) or call us at 413-283-3330 (press 0 then dial ext. 100).

## INTERESTS

**THE ST. JOSEPH'S POLISH SOCIETY** yearly meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 7 at 18 Commercial Street in Thorndike. Members can vote for officers and pay dues. For more information, call Steve at 413-687-4585.

**KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM** at 35 Ely Rd., Monson is closed for winter. There will be no meeting, tours or programs. It will tentatively re-open on Sunday, April 11, 2021. Nature trails are open daily until dusk for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the sign posts). For more information call 413-267-4137, email [khn@keephomesteadmuseum.org](mailto:khn@keephomesteadmuseum.org) or visit [www.keephomesteadmuseum.org](http://www.keephomesteadmuseum.org)

**THE QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD** is looking for new members. The Guild meets on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E "Best In Show" winners. The membership fee is \$48 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow us on Facebook.

**MONSON WOODWACKERS** wood carving club meets every Thursday at Monson Senior Center on Main Street in Monson from 6-8 p.m. The club meets throughout the year. Membership is \$10 for the year, payable in September. Anyone interested should call Barbara Mackintosh at 413-237-8303. There are many beginner projects and experienced teachers, as well, within the club.

**STAINED GLASS MAKING CLASS** will be held on Thursdays at the Holland Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Glass and tools are supplied. Take six classes for \$48. Class sizes are limited and are open to all ages. For more information call Tom Baltazar at 508-245-2525.

**DIAMOND NATIONAL/CASCADES DIAMOND.** Did you every work there? Former employees meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Burgundy Brook Restaurant on Route 181 in Palmer from 9-10 a.m. The stories shared are often colorful but old friendships are renewed.

## ONGOING

**MUSIC LESSONS, YOGA AND MORE:** Just because days are short, and the thermometer reads cold doesn't mean there's nothing to do. Hitchcock Academy constantly works with instructors to offer options to its community members. Look for upcoming classes in yoga, tai chi, meditation, and fencing. Hitchcock Academy follows all current COVID guidelines for cleaning and social distancing and anyone using the facility must wear a mask.

All information regarding current class offerings, events, and registration are available at [hitchcockacademy.org](http://hitchcockacademy.org).

**FREE FOOD PROGRAM:** The Massachusetts Military Support Foundation has found a way to get food to families that need it. The Farmers to Families program, set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is part of a Coronavirus Food Assistance Program that help people all over the nation and has a site in Springfield open to all residents. The program will supply food kits with fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and meat products that distributes package into family-sized boxes. You can register for your food kit at [mmsfi.org](http://mmsfi.org). On the website choose "Springfield, Ma" as your pick up site and sign-up. Register for one week or all four with easy one time registration. Food kit includes fresh dairy, protein, and produce totaling 30+ pounds of food. Military families are encouraged to sign-up but registration is open to the public.

**LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY:** Want to learn more about local history? The Elbow Plantation Historical Society is available for research and other information. They can be reached at [elbowplantation@gmail.com](mailto:elbowplantation@gmail.com). Send them your questions and comments and leave your preferred contact information and they will respond asap.

**THE MONSON LIONS CLUB** has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

**DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M.** located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

**RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATION TENT** now for your First Communion, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties or any other kind of celebration you may have outdoors. The Palmer Lions Club

has a tent for you, either 20-foot x 20-foot for \$125 or 20-foot x 40-foot for \$200. This includes setup and takedown in the Palmer area. Call Karen at 413-813-8445 to make a reservation. You may need to leave a message and your call will be returned. The Palmer Lions Club tent rental fees go towards assistance for the people of Palmer, Bondsville, Three Rivers and Thorndike.

**SALVATION ARMY ASSISTANCE:** Residents of Palmer, Thorndike, Bondsville and Three Rivers seeking emergency help with fuel assistance, utility payments/shut off, food, and clothing can contact the Salvation Army in Canton, MA at 339-502-5900. This is the office located in Canton, MA. If eligible, staff there will be able to address your concerns and provide assistance until the local Palmer office is once again staffed by a volunteer outreach coordinator.

**MAKE A DONATION** to the Monson Free Library in honor of a special person or family member, in the form of a book, DVD or CD, audio book or magazine subscription. The person will receive a letter informing them of your gift. The cost of donations is \$25 for a book, \$20 for a CD or DVD, \$100 for an audio book and \$20 for a magazine subscription. For more information call 267-3866.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** Please join us at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St. Palmer. Light refreshments will be served Contact Kate Martin at 413-283-8361 for more information.

**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED** Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? "Christianity Explored" is a study which seeks to answer these questions from the Gospel of Mark. The course involves seven weekly one-hour sessions using Bible study, related DVD viewing, and discussion of the pertinent passages. For more information contact Mal at 413-250-8548.

**MONSON DEMOCRATS WANTED** by the Monson Democratic Town Committee that holds meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Polish American Citizens Club, 7 Bliss St., Monson at 7 p.m.

**WEEKLY CLASSES** at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Mondays and Wednesdays lunch is served at noon, reservations required by calling 413-245-3163 and a \$2 donation is requested. Mondays at 10 a.m. is yoga class with Mah Jongg, and Monday evenings at 6 p.m. is Texas Hold 'Em. Tuesdays at 10

a.m. is the Coffee Social which is open to everyone, and Open Crafts are held on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Zumba is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Mah Jongg is at 1 p.m. and Yoga is at 5 p.m., plus Pitch at 6:30 p.m. Stained glass is every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Cribbage is weekly on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Walking Club is on Thursdays at 4 p.m. The Billiard Room is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. For everyone. For more information, call 413-245-3163.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. The group is comprised of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. Local meetings are held every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at The Living Room of Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St., Ware; every Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 22 Green St., Monson; Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Belchertown United Congregational Church, 18 Park St., Belchertown; every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the Palmer Historical & Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers; and every Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer. For more information or to find additional meetings throughout the New England area, visit [www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org).

**PALMER FOOD SHARE, INC.,** an emergency food pantry, is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Food Share is located at 39 Walnut St. in Palmer. Call 283-3614 with questions or to order to pick up food.

**AL-ANON FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY** meetings - a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve our common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon has one purpose, to help families and friends of alcoholics. The group meets Fridays at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**GREENE ROOM PRODUCTIONS** is seeking people who would like to support the arts by being a part of its fundraising committee/booster club. The club is looking to fundraise, find sponsors, donors, and underwriters for upcoming productions, workshops, and educational opportunities. All interested individuals are invited to the next board meeting. If you are interested in being a part of Greene Room Productions or for more information, contact Erin Greene at (413) 668-7284 as soon as possible.

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Docket No. HD21P0312EA  
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Date of Death:  
October 31, 2018  
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**Kathleen M. Tighe** of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute

formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
03/04/2021

## PALMER LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Palmer Local Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on **March 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM** at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer on the application from Karnavati Express, Inc. DBA Jane Alden Convenience Store under MGL C 138 §15 for a NEW OFF-Premises All Alcohol License located at 1469 North Main Street, Palmer, MA.

Any persons interested in being heard should call 413-283-2603 or email [npark@townofpalmer.com](mailto:npark@townofpalmer.com) prior to the public hearing.  
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